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Federal Opportunities

AmeriCorps*VISTA Programs. *The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)* invites applications for new VISTA projects in DC. The purpose of this program is to mobilize citizens through service to address community needs. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and local agencies. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed quarterly. Applications may be obtained from the CNCS web site:
<http://www.americorps.org/vista/index.html>.

Requests for an electronic copy of the application may be sent to charris@cns.gov or rmbusby@cns.gov. For further information, contact Rosetta Freeman Busby, State Program Director, at (202) 606-5000 x 485 or Dr. Crystal Harris, State Program Specialist, x 156.

Environmental Education Grants. *The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* announces funds for projects that design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Eligible applicants include local education agencies, state education or environmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities. The deadline for applications is January 6, 2004. Awards will not exceed \$25,000. For further information, contact Bonnie Turner-Lomaz at (215) 814-5542; or go to:
<http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/03-28310.txt>.

VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. *The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)* announces funds to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or

supportive services with the goal of helping homeless veterans achieve residential stability and obtain greater self-determination. Eligible applicants include state and local government entities, faith-based and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is January 28, 2004. Approximately \$15 million is available. For further information, contact Guy Liedke at 1-877-332-0334; or go to:
<http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/03-28178.txt>.

District Opportunities

AmeriCorps Grants. *The DC Commission on National and Community Service (DC CNCS)* announces the availability of AmeriCorps grant funds for fiscal year 2004. The program will fund high-quality AmeriCorps programs that will address citywide goals and the priorities of the city's Strategic Plan by mobilizing residents as volunteers and AmeriCorps members to: enhance the education of our youth; improve citizen safety and neighborhood emergency preparedness; and strengthen our community through service. Eligible applicants are local nonprofit organizations and state and local units of government (other than state education agencies). Applicants must operate the program only within DC. The deadline for submission is January 5, 2004, at 5pm. Technical assistance sessions will take place at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th St., NW, on November 20, 2003, from 9am-noon, and on December 1, 2003, from 5-8pm. (Take the Metro red line to Judiciary Square, exit 4th Street, Courthouse side.) Call Cliffie Bailey at (202) 727-7925 to register for a training session. Applications can be obtained from 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1040S, Washington, DC 20001 or at www.cnscs.dc.gov. For further information, call

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Renetta Boyd, Director of National Service Programs, at (202) 727-7937.

Escheated Estates. *The Office of the Secretary (OS)* announces financial support through the Escheated Estates Fund to local organizations that help the economically disadvantaged in DC. Escheated Estates funds are obtained from the sale of confiscated property of District residents who die without a will or any known relatives to receive their inheritance. Portions of the proceeds from these sales are offered as grants. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is December 26, 2003. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available. Requests for application form, applicable regulations and instructions, as well as other relevant inquiries, should be directed, in writing, to: Escheated Estates Application Screening Committee, The John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 419, Washington, DC 20004. For more information, see: <http://os.dc.gov/services/escheated/escheated.shtm>.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml for the following notices:

The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), due December 15, 2003, at 5pm.

The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial Property Acquisition and Development Program (CP-A&D), due December 15, 2003, at 5pm.

The DC Department of Health (DOH)/Preventive Health Services Administration (PHSA), Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant For FY04, due December 17, 2003, by 4:45pm.

The DC Commission on National and Community Service, K-12 Learn and Serve – Community-Based Grants, due January 5, 2004.

The DC Commission on National and Community Service, K-12 Learn and Serve – School-Based Grants, due January 5, 2004.

Foundation Opportunities

Animals. *PETsMART Charities'* mission is to improve the quality of life for all companion animals through programs that save the lives of homeless pets and promote healthy relationships between people and pets. To fulfill this mission, the organization supports programs that reduce the homeless population of animals through methods other than euthanasia, including adoption programs, spay/neuter programs, pet parent education, training programs, and more. Eligible applicants include nonprofit animal welfare organizations, municipal animal control facilities, and educational establishments. There are no application deadlines. For further information or to access application forms and guidelines, go to: http://www.petsmart.com/charities/petsmart_charities/PSM_charities_guidelines.shtml

Education and Technology. *The Best Buy's Children's Foundation* supports schools and educators using technology to make learning fun. The te@ch program awards grants to schools in recognition of programs or projects that creatively integrate interactive technology into the curriculum. Eligible applicants include K-12 public, private or parochial schools. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2003. This year, \$3 million will be awarded to 1200 schools across the country. Each selected school must be located within 25 miles of a Best Buy store. For further information or to apply for a te@ch award, go to: <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/teach.asp#2>.

Higher Education. *The Lumina Foundation for Education's* mission is to expand access and success in postsecondary education. Through research, evaluation and grants for innovative programs, as well as communication, public policy and leadership-development initiatives, the Foundation addresses issues that affect access and educational attainment — particularly among underserved student groups,

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including adult learners. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There are no deadlines; however, Letters of Inquiry (LOI) are required. For further information, contact the Foundation at Program Office — “New Inquiry”, Lumina Foundation for Education, P.O. Box 1806, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1806; or go to: <http://www.luminafoundation.org/grants/index.html>.

Resources & Announcements

Foundations and Their Role in Philanthropy. *The Foundation Center* will host a special event at which participants can find out the answers to the most frequently asked questions about foundations. This session will help answer questions such as: what is a private foundation; what are the unique segments of the private foundation community; what do foundations do and how do they do it; who gets foundation grants; and do other types of grantmakers exist? This program will take place on Monday, November 24, from 12:30-1:30pm, at the Foundation Center, 1627 K Street, NW, Washington, DC. There is no fee, but space is limited and advance registration is required. To register, call (202) 331-1400 or go to: <http://www.fdncenter.org/washington/frpdc.html>.

Grant Review Opportunity. *The DC Commission on National and Community Service* is seeking individuals to review grant proposals for the 2004 AmeriCorps*State program and K-12 Learn and Serve School and Community-Based program funding competitions. Reviewers read, score and evaluate proposals, discuss their findings with a small group of fellow reviewers and a facilitator, and, as a panel, come to consensus to rank the proposals according to quality. Reviewers must be comfortable reading a large volume of material in a short period of time and providing analysis in a small group. Eligible applicants include experienced professionals from the national service community and other disciplines. The deadline for applications is December 10, 2003. Reviewers must be available on the following dates: January 6, 2004; January 13-14, 2004. To apply, please send your resume to Cliffie Bailey at DC Commission on National and Community Service, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1040S, Washington, DC 20001; cliffie.bailey@dc.gov; or (202) 727-9198-fax.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).

The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The GIRC provides technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

Higher Education. *The McCabe Fund, an initiative of the Lumina Foundation for Education*, supports organizations that enable students — particularly first-generation college students, low-income students and students of color — to gain access to postsecondary education. The McCabe Fund provides grants to nonprofit organizations that work directly with students to help them gain access to postsecondary education. Its main purpose is to fund innovative programs that expand successful pre-college access models in some new way or propose and test new approaches. Currently, the McCabe Fund considers only invited applicants but encourages organizations that are interested in applying for a McCabe Fund grant or learning more about the program to send an e-mail inquiry to jkeller@luminafoundation.org. For further information, go to: <http://www.luminafoundation.org/grants/mccabefund.html>.

K-12 Learn and Serve Technical Assistance. *The DC Commission on National and Community Service* requires all applicants for its K-12 Learn and Serve School and Community-Based grants to attend one of two technical assistance sessions. These sessions are available on November 18, 2003, and November 25, 2003. To register, contact Cliffie Bailey at (202) 727-7925 or cliffie.bailey@dc.gov.

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Last Substance Abuse Education Training

Session. *DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation (CYITC), in partnership with the DC Department of Health (DOH)/Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA), has been conducting a series of one-day workshops to provide substance abuse education training and technical assistance to community-based organizations (CBOs) that serve children and youth in DC. The goal is to increase the knowledge, skills and ability of child and youth-serving CBOs to integrate substance abuse prevention education into their core programs. The last available workshop will be held December 4, from 9am-3pm, at the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, 3000 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE. Sessions are free, but registration is required. To register, call Mustafaa Madyun or Angela Hughes at (202) 347-4441.*

Meet the Grantmakers. *The Foundation Center, with co-sponsor Washington Grantmakers, will host Meet the Grantmakers: Celebrating Philanthropy in the Nation's Capital. Representatives of DC-area nonprofit organizations are invited to participate in roundtable discussions with representatives of foundations in the region. Participating funders include The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, Consumer Health Foundation, The Lois & Richard England Family Foundation, Freddie Mac Foundation, Corina Higginson Trust, The Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, Northern Virginia Community Foundation, and Wachovia. This session will take place on Friday, November 21, from 9-11am, at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), Van Ness Campus, University Auditorium, Building 46, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (Metro's Red Line to the Van Ness-UDC stop). There is no fee, but space is limited and advance registration is required. To register, call (202) 331-1400 or go to: <http://fdncenter.org/washington/mtgdc.html>.*

Request for Participation. *Immigration and Refugee Services of America (IRSA), a national refugee service agency, is preparing to launch a Citizenship Initiative in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service's (CNCS) AmeriCorps program. This Initiative will help promote community involvement in the*

naturalization of new Americans, as well as new Americans' involvement in their communities. IRSA will select 6-12 organizations through a competitive application process. The selected sites will work with IRSA, beginning January 2004, to develop a strategy for this Initiative and plan for placement of AmeriCorps members who will start in the fall. Eligible applicants include community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is December 19, 2003, at 5pm. For further information, contact IRSA at citizenship@irsa-uscr.org or call Julianne Ramic at (202) 797-2105 x 3124; or go to: www.refugeesusa.org.

Ward 1 Job Fair. *The DC Department of Employment Services, in collaboration with the DC Office of Latino Affairs and Councilmember Jim Graham, is sponsoring a job opportunity fair on Friday, November 21, 9am-3pm, at the Reeves Municipal Center, First Floor Lobby, 2000 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC (enter at 14th and V). Employers will be on site to recruit for the following fields: hospitality, food services, maintenance, retail, security, medical assistance, and more. Mini workshops will be held from 9:30am-noon on developing an employability skills toolbox for pre- and post-employment, identifying and highlighting your strengths during the job interview, and resume writing. Job seekers must be 18 years of age or older, dressed for interviews, and have a resume. For further information, job seekers should contact Lettie Serrano at (202) 576-3055 and interested employers should contact Gerri Snowden at (202) 645-5167.*

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